

**Town Meeting  
For the Town of Buffalo  
January 16, 2006**

Chairman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Gene Mucciolo, Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg  
Others: Dorothy Schwochert, Wesley Buss, Margarete Worthington, David Rieckmann, Charlie Church, Ron Kerl

Agenda:

Agenda was reviewed. Jan Banicki motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Minutes were read. Fred Wollenburg motioned to accept the minutes of the Town Meeting. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

Jan Banicki motioned to accept the minutes of the Special Town Meeting of Electors. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was given by Jean Rataczak. Jan Banicki motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

Newsletter

Draft copies of the newsletter were handed out and read. Discussion followed concerning junk left along the road or in front of the recycle center. There will be no charge for recycling old fire signs.

2006 Budget and Fund Accounting

The final numbers of the 2005 Budget reveals that we have \$185,821.78 in reserve. \$100,000.00 is our standard reserve fund. \$50,000 is reserved for new fire department equipment. This leaves an additional reserve balance of \$35,821.78. Do we want to hold it in reserve or spend it? We could pay for all the new flag fire signs which the estimated cost is \$20,000 instead of charging the property owners. The Town is in need of new fund accounting software to eliminate budget and Form CT errors. Discussion followed.

Jan Banicki made a motion that we purchase new fund accounting software not to exceed \$1000. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

The fire sign decision was tabled.

Building permits were discussed. Roger Banicki would like to be paid for the building permits that are issued. Fred Wollenburg motioned that we pay Roger \$5.00 for each building permit that is issued. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. Two in favor with Jan Banicki abstaining, motion carried.

Dog licenses fees were discussed. The Town has the right to increase the fees since the Town is responsible for collecting the licenses and penalizing violators.

### Personal & Property Tax Issues

Jean Rataczak updated the Board as to the status of the seven deleted personal property bills. Bills were created and mailed with a letter of explanation. The dues dates were extended to February 28, 2006.

2006 Re-evaluation offers the Board a chance to review personal property questions. Donna Seddon contacted the State and The Wisconsin Towns Association for a determination of what is real estate vs. personal property when addressing mobile or modular homes. The State views personal property as a mobile/modular home off of it's' wheels and on some else's property. Real estate property would be a mobile/modular home off of it's' wheels and on the mobile/modular homeowner's property. Jean Rataczak will check the personal property tax roll to see if they are correctly identified.

### Fire Sign Replacement Notifications and Billing

Discussion reopened concerning if the Town should use the reserve surplus to pay for the new flag fire signs. The Towns of Montello and Packwaukee are billing the property owners for new fire signs. This was tabled for possible review at the Town annual meeting.

Fire sign violations—Big Bucks of Montello and Robert G. Weiler have been notified by letter that they are in violation because of missing fire signs or moved signs. They were informed that they will receive new fire signs and will be billed for the signs.

### Emergency Management Plan

Jan Banicki will contact Check Fehls to find out if he has received the new templates.

### Elected Officials Responsibilities

Fred Wollenburg reported that The Wisconsin Towns Association suggests that we wait for the new report that explains the responsibilities.

### Correspondence:

1. TRIPS Grant for \$10,000-- Gene Mucciolo sent in the paperwork and is looking for bids for the asphalt.
2. Alcohol Compliance Check—The sheriff reported that our town is in compliance.
3. Emergency Response Newsletter—We can sign up to receive this newsletter.
4. American Transmission Company Meeting-- Gene Mucciolo will attend the meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> concerning the transmission upgrades in our township.
5. Division of Transportation—Notification of Federal Funding for Transportation Enhancements.
6. Endeavor Recycling—Received fees they charge for recycling. Gene Mucciolo will contact them for a further explanation of their fees.
7. E-mail and letter from David Rieckmann concerning air pollution due to garbage burning in Marquette County.
8. Department of Natural Resources—The DNR has purchased the Walter A. Butzlaff Jr. property and the property is to be taken off of the tax roll.
9. UW Survey—A study of municipality Smoking Policy. Our policy is no smoking in the Town Hall.

10. Waste Management letter of a rate adjustment due to increased costs.
11. Madison Area Technical College—Letter of vacancies to the district board.

Citizens and Board Concerns:

1. Gene Mucciolo reported that the Town will be running an ad about Noxious Weeds.
2. Gene Mucciolo would like the Town to change Town Pride Day to Town Pride Month where no one will be charged for recycling. We should also address cleaning the Town Hall.
3. Subdivision/Building Requests for information from Rueben Hunter on subdivisions and Peter Cebula for a learning center.

Vouchers

Checks were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Jan Banicki to pay said bills. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. All in favor, motion carried.

Set Meeting Dates: Next Town Meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
Emergency Management Training, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Annual Board Meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Business Concluded. Motion to adjourn by Fred Wollenburg. Seconded by Jan Banicki. Motion carried.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk